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## New event gets more people outside

Happy hikers set out on the Full Moon Snowshoe at Abbey Gardens on Feb. 8, part of the inaugural Hike Haliburton: Winter Edition, which featured guided snowshoe walks throughout the county. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

# AH pays \$35,000 in legal bills

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands paid just less than \$35,000 in legal bills in a breach of contract lawsuit between the township and an Ajax-based solid waste handling company.

As previously reported, in a decision on

Dec. 7, 2018, Justice Bryan Shaughnessy of the Superior Court of Justice ruled in favour of Reaction Distributing Inc. in the lawsuit against Algonquin Highlands, the company suing the township after the township disqualified the company's bid on a contract. Those damages totalled \$71,063.60.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands subsequently appealed that ruling, and in May of 2019, its appeal was dismissed with

the decision upheld.

The contract was for the supply and installation of waste compactors at the Dorset transfer station in 2015. The bid was disqualified because the company's name and return address was not included on the front of the box that contained a binder with the bid. That information is required under the township's tendering process, however, the court found the bid was in substantial compliance with

the process, and deemed the missing information a mere irregularity that did not justify the bid being disqualified. The judgment also noted that the township is allowed but chose not to waive the non-compliance, and that the bid had been the lower of the two the township received for the job.

The \$71,063.60 in damages was deemed to

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# Engaging people in history

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
*Times Staff*

Shannon Quigley has always loved history, but she said it wasn't until her first job as a summer student at a Parks Canada national historic site that she realized it could be a career.

When she was younger, Quigley developed her passion while helping her great-aunt Nancy, who runs an archive at St. James's Cathedral in Toronto, during events. After earning a degree in history and art history at Queen's University in Kingston, she pursued a master's in art gallery and museum studies in Manchester. Returning home, she worked at the Firefighters Museum of Calgary, and then spent four years living in the English Lake District in the United Kingdom, working at Lakeland Arts, where she developed school programs for museums and ran the In The Moment program of weekly and monthly art activities at Abbot Hall Art Gallery for people living with dementia.

And then, bringing her impressive education, experience and work history with her, she moved to Minden, where she became the curatorial programming assistant at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"I moved to Minden at the end of July 2019 and am enjoying it so far — even in the winter," she told the *Times*. "It's easy to love living in such a beautiful place."

You might have seen her bustling around the cultural centre ground, helping things run smoothly at gallery openings, nurturing the Three Sisters garden, or working with elementary school students to decorate a tree for the Festival of Trees, or other youngsters making unique crafts in the school house.

"As curatorial programming assistant I get to work with both people and historic artifacts," she said. "Normally when you work in a museum, you have to pick one or the other. So I'm really excited by this opportunity to help care for historic collections and also develop community programming that brings stories from the collection to life."

Quigley is also excited about engaging the community in the cultural centre, which she said she loves for its combination of "arts, heritage and nature."

She's a "really keen stitcher and embroiderer" and is looking forward to hosting textile workshops at the cultural centre, including an embroidery workshop inspired by Victorian



**Shannon Quigley joined the Minden Hills Cultural Centre as curatorial programming assistant last July.**  
/SUE TIFFIN Staff

Motto Samplers, and a series of drop-in embroidery workshops on Saturdays this summer.

Besides plans including the textile workshops, a currently ongoing monthly "unfinished objects" meet-up for those who want to join with others to work on their own projects, and two clothing repair workshops later this month, she said there is much opportunity to explore and be creative in different ways, welcoming volunteers from what she called "a supportive and vibrant community," to get involved in whatever way that best suits their interest, whether that be gardening, or working on the board to help shape programs. Summer student positions have recently been posted, she notes, for anyone else who might have an interest in history and culture. And Quigley also extends an invitation to those who might have ideas "for how to preserve and connect with history in a creative way."

"One of the things I'm really excited about is this idea of trying to capture and preserve Minden's history before it slips away," she said. "I'd like to turn this into a community project that connects Minden's younger generation with the area's older residents."

Though she's not sure what that project will look like yet, she's excited for what the future might bring.

For more information about the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place, or to learn more about upcoming programming, visit <https://mindenhills.ca/minden-hills-cultural-centre/>.

## Correction

The story "Extracurriculars, sports left in state of limbo," in the *Minden Times* Feb. 5, stated that the Trillium Lakelands District School Board decided during its Jan. 28 meeting to cancel extracurricular activities during school hours. In fact, the TLDSB trustees were told of the decision, which was made by senior administration, at their Jan. 28 meeting. *The Times* apologizes for the error.

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# Municipality's intention was fairness, mayor says

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be the profit Reaction Distributing Inc. would have lost on the contract.

The *Times* filed a Freedom of Information request with Algonquin Highlands for copies of the legal invoices related to the lawsuit. Under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the *Times* paid the township's requested processing fees of \$43.10 for the documents, which included \$22.50 for search time, \$15 for preparation and \$5.60 for the copies themselves, which totalled 28 pages.

Twelve invoices from Peterborough-based Ewart O'Dwyer between December 2015, when the legal action began, and June 2019, after the appeal, total just less than \$35,000.

A court-issued payout statement shows

that in addition to the damages, Algonquin Highlands was responsible for other court costs, fees and post-judgment interest that ended in a total amount owing from defendant to plaintiff of \$103,189.56 at the end of June, 2019.

At the time of publication of the initial story regarding this lawsuit, Moffatt told the *Times* in an email: "Ultimately, the courts didn't support the municipality's position which, in my opinion, sets up a damned either way scenario: if a municipality has to accept non-compliant bids, who's to say the compliant bidders won't sue for the same reason of perceived fairness? Adhering to firm requirements at the front end is meant to protect the integrity of the public process, and Algonquin Highlands stands firm on that."

## AH council cost \$155K for 2019

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council cost just more than \$155,000 to operate for 2019.

Councillors accepted a report on their remuneration and benefits for the year during a Feb. 6 meeting.

Mayor Carol Moffatt received just less than \$31,700 in remuneration, used about \$4,900 in benefits, had \$430 in mileage pay-

ments and about \$3,200 in other expenses – this includes conference fees, etc. – for a total of just more than \$40,360. Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen received about \$25,350 in remuneration, used \$3,100 in benefits, collected no mileage and had \$970 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$29,500.

Councillors Lisa Barry, Jennifer Dailoux and Julia Shortreed each received remuneration of just more than \$21,270 and with benefits, mileage and other expenses had totals of approximately \$30,000, \$29,100, and \$26,700, respectively.



### Youth hub opens

Point in Time executive director Marg Cox applauds after hearing Deputy Premier and Health Minister Christine Elliott announce the province would provide funding in perpetuity for the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub during the grand opening on Feb. 6. The youth hub is designed to provide a safe space for the county's youth between 12 and 25 years old, with access to a range of services including mental health and employment assistance. Food, games, activities, art instruction and other features are also available. The youth hub is at 12 Dysart Ave. in Haliburton.



Ontario's Health Minister and Deputy Premier Christine Elliott came to Haliburton for the grand opening of the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub on Thursday, Feb. 6. /DARREN LUM Staff



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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Public Welcome  
Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers,  
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**Feb 13** – Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

**Feb 27** – Regular Council Meeting

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**Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December**

### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The 2020 Interim tax bills will be mailed on February 21, 2020.

If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date, please contact our office.

The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 20th and May 22nd, 2020. This bill has been calculated using the 2019 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2019 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 10th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change.

Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

### CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISING WORKING GROUP

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Community Centre Fundraising Working Group (CCFWG)

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### CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cemetery Advisory Board which governs the operations of the cemeteries located within the boundaries of Minden Hills and which are owned by or fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

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### SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a student looking for a great summer job? The Township of Minden Hills is currently accepting resumes for Summer Students for our Community Services Department in Parks and at our Minden Hills Cultural Centre as Heritage Interpreters.

Both positions are for a 16 week period from May to August with the rate of pay being \$14/hour, pending 2020 budget and grant funding approval.

Please visit our website at [www.minden hills.ca/employment-opportunities/](http://www.minden hills.ca/employment-opportunities/) for posting details, job requirements and submission instructions, or email [sprentice@minden hills.ca](mailto:sprentice@minden hills.ca)





A weekly line dancing session held at Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall on Thursdays left participants energized, at least a bit out of breath, and full of laughter. /SUE TIFFIN Staff reporter



The weekly modern line dancing sessions bring participants from all over the county, including Dorset and Haliburton, and from outside the county too – sometimes up to 40 dancers come to learn dances to music of all genres.

# Stepping in line in Stanhope

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
*Times Staff*

The participants in a weekly modern line dancing session held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall come from throughout the county, from Dorset to Haliburton, and from outside of the county, from Fenelon Falls and Toronto, but when they join in one space, their feet start doing the same thing even as their shoulders and

arms and hips find their own groove.

"It's not that hard, anyone can do it," said instructor Jacqui Bell. "Dancing is a very personal thing. If you can't follow the steps, you can still follow the beat." And then, laughing: "As long as you don't knock the person down beside you."

The dancers, mostly seniors and some of them beginners – though class is open to everyone – "hustle" and "weave left" and "cross shuffle" and "kick ball change," focusing intently or laughing as they misstep. Some sing along to the music and some joke

with Bell as she instructs them. After one song, they insist they try that dance again, after another, they take a break for water with one saying, "my heart rate's up now" before they step into pairs and groups to socialize.

Up to about 40 dancers have joined in the sessions, which feature a variety of dances and a variety of music genres, everything from pop to rock to country.

"I'm trying to encourage other people to come because it's such a wonderful thing," said Bell, who recalled an article on *HuffPost* last year that notes the beneficial effects

dancing has on the brain, including decreasing depression and anxiety, and lowering dementia risk.

Modern line dancing is held weekly – every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – at Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall at 1095 North Shore Rd. in Algonquin Highlands. Sessions cost \$8 each, and beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Jacqui at [clancelinedance@gmail.com](mailto:clancelinedance@gmail.com).



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# Algonquin Highlands sets GHG reduction targets

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors chose greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the township during a meeting last week, as part of a climate change mitigation plan the County of Haliburton is undertaking for itself and its four lower-tier townships.

County climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay, along with county planning director and deputy CAO Charley White, visited Algonquin Highlands council during its Feb. 6 meeting. McKay was hired on a contract by the county to compile the plan, and a starting point is the setting of reduction targets for the local governments. The upper tier of the county is aiming to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from its corporate operations by 15 per cent by 2030.

In terms of overall municipally produced emissions in the county, the county government itself is actually by far the smallest emitter, responsible for 5.5 per cent of overall municipal emissions. This has to do largely with the fact that landfills are owned and operated by the lower-tier townships, and the solid waste in those landfills is responsible for 77.3 per cent of municipal greenhouse gas emissions in the county.

For the Township of Algonquin Highlands, its corporate emissions total 2,587 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually, which is equivalent to 549 passenger cars driven each year, or the energy use from 310 homes for one year. Seventy-nine per cent of its emissions come from its landfills, 14 from its vehicle fleet, and seven from its buildings.

McKay told councillors that ideally targets should be ambitious but not out of reach, and explained that 2030 will be the target year.

"This gives us 10 years to implement different projects and initiatives, while also being close enough to really get started right away," she said. "And different factors to consider when we're selecting a target, we want it to stress urgency and really recognize the need for us to act on climate change, but at

the same time, we want it to be something we can achieve and won't set ourselves up for failure."

McKay said councillors should also consider what municipalities have control over when it comes to meaningful emissions reductions.

"For example, we have a lot of control over our buildings and how we can retrofit them to become more low-carbon," she said. "But when it comes to buying a new firetruck or grader, for example, we're really limited as to what's on the market and we may not have control over reducing our emissions here."

McKay explained the Partners for Climate Protection Program recommends a reduction target of 20 per cent over 10 years as ideal.

"But considering our local context, I'm recommending sector-specific targets," she said, "mostly since waste accounts for 80 per cent of our emissions, if we just set one overall target, then our progress will almost be solely dictated by what we do in the waste sector."

For buildings, McKay told council she was suggesting a reduction target of 20 per cent by 2030. For the vehicle fleet,

her suggested reduction target was 10 per cent, a substantial amount of which she said could likely be achieved through mitigating idling of municipal vehicles.

"This may seem like a small action, but municipalities have achieved anywhere from one all the way up to 20 per cent reduction in fuel consumption just through anti-idling initiatives," McKay said. "At the county, we've monitored our different fleet vehicles and seen how long their idling times are, and we've found that there's significant potential for the county, so there may also be for the townships."

McKay said the purchasing of hybrid vehicles or electric vehicles when replacing light-duty fleet vehicles is another way emissions could be lowered for vehicle fleets.

For landfills, McKay also suggested a 10 per cent reduction target, adding the focus in that sector would be education and initiatives surrounding reduction and diversion of waste, such as the promotion of backyard composting, greater monitoring of bag limits at landfills, and facilitating the reuse of items.

As she had at the county council table, Mayor Carol Moffatt said it was difficult to pick percentages without knowing what the budget implications of those targets might turn out to be, but noted that targets, which are meant to be aspirational, can be changed as strategies come forward.

"You don't want to over-achieve your percentages, and then find you can't meet them," Moffatt said, "it's a set-up for failure. But, we don't know. We're kind of shooting in the dark."

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she was more comfortable with a 15 per cent reduction target for buildings than 20. "I wouldn't want to set a target for failure. I'd rather see us set a 15 per cent, rather than a 20 per cent, and do better than that."

Councillor Lisa Barry, who chairs the township's environment and stewardship committee, said with solid waste she'd like to see a slightly more aggressive target.

Reduction targets were set at 15 per cent for buildings; 10 per cent for vehicle fleet; and 12 per cent for solid waste.

McKay will be visiting each of the county's lower-tier councils, performing the same exercise.

**“Municipalities have achieved anywhere from one all the way up to 20 per cent reduction in fuel consumption just through anti-idling initiatives.**

— KOREY MCKAY, CLIMATE CHANGE CO-ORDINATOR

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## Release the names

**L**AST WEEK, the OPP released information about a large operation it had carried out the week before, arresting 16 people allegedly involved in a drug trafficking operation with drugs, weapons and/or theft charges. Thirteen of those 16 people are residents of Haliburton County.

The information went up on the *Times* website and the website of sister publication the *Haliburton County Echo*, and was shared on social media. It wasn't long before the predictable calls to release the names of the accused began to appear on Facebook.

And that's natural human curiosity; in just the same way many of us will crane our necks to survey an automobile accident we are passing by.

As some of you may be aware, the *Echo* and *Times* have a long-standing editorial policy of not printing the names of those charged with crimes, unless they are major crimes such as murder, or if those people pose an immediate risk to public safety, before they've been convicted.

The reason for this policy is simple; it's to prevent those who may be found innocent from having their reputations forever stained on the great and permanent concrete slab of the internet. It is a central tenet of our criminal justice system that those charged with crimes are presumed to be innocent until their guilt can be proven in a court of law, the burden of that proof lying with prosecutors. However, the nature of the cynical human brain,

and of many a commentator in the kangaroo court of social media, is to automatically declare those accused of a crime as guilty. Get out the pitchforks. Don't wait for any facts.

It's a central tenet of journalism to publish information that serves the greater good. Does releasing the names of those charged with crimes before they've been convicted do that? Or does it just satisfy public curiosity?

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

The reason we choose not to publish the names of people charged with crimes before they have been convicted of them is, in essence, to protect them, and their families, from having their reputations unfairly harmed. How would those crying for the names of

the accused feel if those names belonged to some of their own friends or family? What if it was a son or daughter? One of their parents?

Haliburton County is still a very small community and for year-round residents, the degrees of separation between any of us are probably not more than two or three at most. In the eyes of the law, those charged with a crime are given the presumption of innocence until a court decides otherwise.

That's why we do things the way we do them. As you're likely aware, there are news sources that will release the names of those charged, so anyone who really wants to find the names from the drug ring arrest, or any other arrest, is certainly able to find them.

They just won't find them here.



Early morning flood at Minden's ice track. /Photo by Wes London

## Hand augers

**I**'VE GOT TO admit that, when my friend told me he was going to spin class to get into better shape, I thought some fitness instructor had finally realized they could torture people into shape by forcing them to use a hand auger.

For those who have never drilled a hole in the ice by hand, this assertion might come as a surprise. But as those of us who have chosen to use hand augers during the ice fishing season know, it's not that far-fetched. We eventually develop a small degree of physical fitness using hand augers and then, as winter progresses, a larger degree of regret. Mostly because we never bought a power auger this year.

Frankly, using a hand auger is one of those forms of torture in which the pain increases in steady, gradual increments – it's sort of like watching the Trump presidency, but worse.

For instance, at the beginning of the ice fishing season, when there is

somewhere around four inches of ice, it's basically painless. It hurts so little, in fact, that those of us who use hand augers frequently wear a smug look of superiority each time we pass other anglers towing heavy gas-powered augers. After all, when the ice is that thin, it doesn't take more than a dozen turns with a sharp hand auger to punch through. And, oftentimes, a person who is good with a hand auger can have two or three holes drilled before the person with the power auger had even got it started.

By February, however, things are very different. Then, the only reason you carry a hand auger is to make guys with power augers feel even better about themselves.

Yet, there is good news in all this. You

see, over the years, I have found you can still utilize a hand auger to help you drill all the holes you want, even in 30 inches of ice or more. Provided you know how to use it correctly.

Here's the technique I have perfected:

As soon as I get on the lake, I have a look around to where the young guys and gals with the power augers are. Then, I set up a respectful distance away – more than 20 but less than 50 metres is ideal.

The rest is really simple. You smile, wave at them in a friendly manner, and then start drilling a hole with your hand auger. The rest is a bit nuanced. Every time they look your way, you clutch at your heart, look to the heavens and yell, "Elizabeth! I'm coming to join you!"

Typically, this is all it takes.

Sometimes, however, it might also require you to curl up in the fetal position on the ice to get one of them to come over with a power auger and offer to drill a few holes for

you – unless, of course, they are in the middle of a hot bite. In which case, you might have to wait.

The point is most ice anglers with power augers are only too happy to help a fellow ice angler. Mostly because they are uncomfortable watching a fellow angler resort to sobbing uncontrollably.

Right now some of you are probably thinking all this is beneath the dignity of an experienced angler. And by some of you, I mean the inexperienced anglers in the group.

The truth of the matter is you can either do this or go over to the neighbouring group of anglers with hat in hand and ask politely for help. But, I think we can all agree, this would be humiliating.

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## A night at the movies

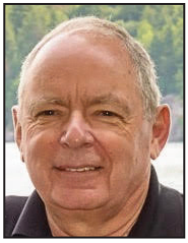
**P**ERUSING NEWS from the U.S.A. I learn that people now go to a library more often than a movie theatre.

A Gallup poll taken just before Christmas found that people visit a library on average 10.5 times a year compared with only 5.3 times a year for movie theatres.

After reading about and watching Sunday's annual Academy Awards show, I understand why. I'd rather watch raccoons dining at the dump than pay to view some of Hollywood's recent offerings.

Take for instance the ridiculous *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*. How it made it to the Academy Awards defies common sense, as well as common decency. It has to be one of film history's all-time duds.

It's packed with star power: Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Al Pacino. Were they on vacation with nothing to do, so they volunteered to take part in this movie-making catastrophe?



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

It did work out well, however, for Brad Pitt, who won best supporting actor for his low-key performance as a stunt double to DiCaprio's Rick Dalton, a washed-up cowboy movie star.

The movie was directed by Quentin Tarantino, and to be totally transparent, I don't like any of his work. He has a penchant for brutal violence and racial slurs in his films.

He is not a natural storyteller and prefers to create movies that are non-linear, with scattered plots sprinkled with absurdity.

If I want to watch disjointed absurdity, I don't need to go to a movie theatre. I can watch the evening news, or take a walk through downtown Toronto.

That's just my opinion. Many people love Tarantino's work, which has included *Kill Bill*, *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction*.

Although I don't like Tarantino's work, it is good that Hollywood has it. The movie industry needs diversity, in its people and in its work.

It got a shot of diversity Sunday when the South Korean thriller *Parasite* became the first film not in English to win an Oscar for best picture. The film's director, Bong Joon-ho, won best director and it also picked up the Oscars for original screenplay and best international feature.

I haven't seen *Parasite* yet because I dislike having to read subtitles, but I will get to it. I'm told it is a cutting social satire about economic inequality.

I'm assuming that the Academy Awards voters did their job thoroughly and that it is a much more interesting flick than the competing *1917*, *Joker*, or *The Irishman*.

I thought they were OK, but not on the top of my Academy Awards list, although some of the acting in the competing films was terrific.

Joaquin Phoenix was outstanding in *Joker*, getting a well-deserved Oscar for best actor. Renée Zellweger (best actress) in *Judy* and Robert De Niro (*The Irishman*) put in good performances but neither film left me with anything really memorable.

I would have fallen asleep during *1917* but the rifle fire and explosions kept me awake. It did win three Oscars – for sound, cinematography and visual effects.

Last year's offerings were much better, I thought. Films like *A Star Is Born*, *Green Book*, *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Black Panther* had good storytelling while carrying important messages.

Three of the best movies I watched this winter did not figure in this year's Academy Awards.

*The Wife*, which won nominations last year, is an intriguing story of a wife (Glenn Close) who writes her husband's books and he wins the awards. *The Good Liar* (2019) is about a con man outwitted by a widow (Helen Mirren) he is trying to con and *Rocketman*, is the biographical musical about Elton John.

I thought each of these was as good or better than some of this year's Academy Awards offerings. But then again, I'm not a film expert. I'm just a guy who likes to sit down to watch some good storytelling and to leave the theatre having seen something memorable.

Much of the Academy Awards stuff I've seen this year is not memorable. Except of course for *Once Upon A Time in Hollywood*, which was memorable for all the wrong reasons.

However, as my dear old mother used to tell me: "Everybody to their own taste, said the old lady as she kissed the cow."

## letters to the editor

# Volunteer for the Daffodil Campaign

## To the Editor,

At the Canadian Cancer Society, we know that cancer changes people. But we believe that a cancer diagnosis doesn't have to define who they are. We are committed to helping people live longer and enhancing the quality of life for all of those affected by cancer. We believe that life is bigger than cancer.

We are currently looking for two volunteers to help us lead our Daffodil Campaign in Haliburton and in Minden for one day in April. With the support of volunteers, we can help people with cancer see life beyond their diagnosis. When you volunteer, you're helping people live their lives more fully.

Money raised during the Daffodil Campaign

funds ground-breaking life-saving research, support services for those living with cancer, and advocacy to governments on important cancer-related issues. Right here in the Haliburton and Minden area, the Canadian Cancer Society has helped 16 cancer patients make 94 trips to their lifesaving appointments for a total of 15,927 km.

We can't make the Daffodil Campaign a success without passionate volunteers! Join us by volunteering and together, we can prove that life is bigger than cancer. Take action now. Call me to volunteer at 705-726-8032 ext. 3223.

**Amanda Delgado**  
Volunteer Engagement Coordinator  
Canadian Cancer Society

## How would you like your eggs?

**T**HERE'S A BUNCH of confusing information around whether eggs are good or bad for our health. I love eggs. Scrambled, sunny side up, or in a sandwich. While I don't eat meat or poultry I do eat eggs almost daily. My favourite breakfast consists of red pepper, spinach (huge handful) and an egg all scrambled together. There was a time when I added cheese to that concoction but I stopped because the extra calories just weren't worth it. For extra taste I add a teaspoon of really hot salsa. Yum!

Some research has found that those who eat eggs daily (1.5 eggs = approximately 300 milligrams of cholesterol daily) are at a 17 per cent greater risk to develop heart disease than those folks who don't eat eggs. An article from the *New York Times* from March 2019 says:

"The study findings are observational and cannot establish cause and effect. But no matter how heart-healthy the rest of a person's diet, the more eggs consumed, the greater the risk for cardiovascular events, coronary heart disease, stroke, heart failure and premature death."

That all sounds very scary but the article goes on to say that we're all different so how consuming eggs affects me will be different



**LAURIE SWEIG**  
Practical Fitness

ent to how it affects you. As with anything that has to do with our health it's crucial to get the whole picture, especially when it comes to what we're putting in our mouths. Avoiding eggs for breakfast and then having a cheeseburger and fries for lunch is

not the way to go. Eggs are a great source of protein and they contain minerals and vitamins. They are a nutritional powerhouse in one neat little package.

The main message is that we shouldn't label a single type of food as being "bad" or "good" (not talking about processed foods). There are so many factors that determine good health and it really does vary from person to person. The most important thing is to educate

yourself on what is good for you. If you have a cholesterol problem eating eggs too often is not a good idea but chances are there's a lot of other stuff you shouldn't be eating either. Balance things out so that you're left with the best diet for you. Food is nourishment and it should leave you feeling energized.

Something to think about.

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## Do you have a research idea or question?

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is seeking project proposals from community agencies for the 2020-21 academic year. Organizations with research and/or short-term volunteering needs of a social, demographic, social, historical or environmental nature, are asked to contact U-Links at 705-286-2411 or email [aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca](mailto:aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca).

Since 1999, U-Links has facilitated hundreds of action-oriented research projects in Haliburton County that foster collaboration and innovation between community organizations and Trent University, and more recently, with Fleming College.

The applicant does not need to have a background in research in order to work with U-Links, simply an objective that could be aided with the collection of information (i.e. surveys, literature reviews, community sources etc.). After contacting U-Links, a

team member will set up a phone call or meeting to help the applicant develop their idea into a project proposal.

Project ideas or topics under consideration must be forwarded to U-Links by the end of June to be developed and ready for Trent and Fleming faculty to consider for their fall courses. The earlier the better so that they can take the time to develop a proposal that best suits the applicant organization's needs and start the necessary discussions with faculty and student contacts.

Those who developed a project with U-Links for the 2019-20 academic year that was not matched, should contact U-Links if they would like to continue to have it promoted for the 2020-21 academic year.

For more information and to see examples of previous and available research projects visit [www.ulinks.ca](http://www.ulinks.ca).



# More strike days as ETFO protests continue

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario continued its job action this week with ETFO members in Haliburton County on picket lines on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday Feb. 13, as the teachers' union and Ford government continue to be unable to settle a contract.

On Feb. 11, all 83,000 ETFO members throughout the province were set to strike and on Feb. 13, ETFO members within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were scheduled to partake in a one-day strike. Rotating one-day strikes, with different school boards involved throughout the province each day of the week, have been ongoing since Jan. 22. For the past couple of weeks, another day of the week has been dedicated to a full, province-wide strike by ETFO members. Elementary students in the county missed two days of school last week, as they were scheduled to this week as well.

The tone between the union and the government is becoming increasingly heated, and ETFO president Sam

Hammond said in a release last week that the union and the province had been close to reaching a deal on Friday, Jan. 31.

"ETFO, school board associations and the government were close to an agreement on Friday that would have been good for students, educators and public education. It would have ensured stability in public elementary schools this week," Hammond said in the release. "Then, late that day, the government's negotiators changed course and tabled impossible options they knew ETFO could not accept."

"I want to set the record straight," continued Hammond. "Unlike the Minister of Education, I was at the bargaining table last week so I know what was discussed. Despite what Minister [Stephen] Lecce is claiming, salary was not addressed during those negotiations, and government negotiators did not sign a letter of commitment to maintain the kindergarten model."

Priorities for ETFO include maintaining the current kindergarten program, smaller class sizes, resources for students with special needs, as well as teacher compensation.

"We have to question what the government's motivation was when it abruptly changed its tactics at the last minute. Rather than 'keep kids in the classroom,' which Education Minister Stephen Lecce says is his goal, this government

is deliberately creating chaos in our education system," Hammond said.

Last week, Lecce fired back, telling the media that ETFO is adding "new items to their priority list," including that the hiring of teachers continues to be based on seniority ranking within the union.

With regard to the hiring process, Hammond said in the release: "An agreement was also within reach on maintaining a long-standing regulation that ensures fair and transparent hiring processes for teachers. Government negotiators then introduced demands for major concessions around fair hiring."

Along with continuing strike action, elementary school students are not receiving report cards, and field trips and extracurricular activities have been cancelled.

Daycares, after-school programs and any community activities occurring at elementary schools are not affected by the strike, but all bus transportation for elementary school students on Feb. 11 and Feb. 13 was to be cancelled if schools were not open to students due to striking.

At the secondary level, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation was planning to continue its job action with a one-day strike on Thursday, Feb. 13 in certain school boards throughout the province, which doesn't appear to affect TLDSB. Secondary students are receiving report cards, but without comments, as the OSSTF also seeks to ratify a new agreement with the province. Within the TLDSB, the board has decided to cancel all extracurricular activities at secondary schools that take place within school hours, in response to OSSTF job action that does not allow teachers to cover for absent teachers. That decision has also put athletics at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in jeopardy for the remainder of the school year, since the Kawartha District Athletic Association has requested that member schools agree to and finalize season and playoff schedules. The KDAA had initially set a deadline of Jan. 31 for responses, but has agreed to extend it.



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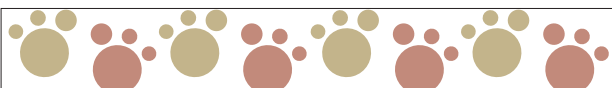
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# Diners' Club serves up lunch to friends old and new

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

As chairs filled with people at the Minden Legion on Feb. 6, the room filled with the sound of laughter as friends got together, or strangers became friends, over bowls of hot soup.

The lunch was just one of several that will be served around the county – in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce – this month, welcoming one and all to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Diners' Club events. Though the group that meets is often made up of seniors, organizers stressed that the lunch gatherings are really open to anyone who can happen to join that day. At the Feb. 6 gathering, Ty Neville smiled alongside Grandma Jean Neville while he was off of school due to teacher work action, and Jack Clement was lucky enough to join Grandma Joanne Barnes, sitting with Marilynne Lesperance and Betty Mark while his parents were away on their honeymoon.

"Any reason to come out and have lunch Thursdays," said Kelly Harpley, who sat with friend Beth Browning at the Legion lunch and said they join other events as well. "It's nice, you get to talk with people. It's a social thing, everyone gets out and you get to see people."

"It's nice to support the local events," said Browning. "You know what, for soup, a main course, dessert, 12 bucks, it's pretty good."

The Diners' Club began more than 10 years ago, according to Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach co-ordinator for HHHS. "[I]t began as a way to connect seniors in our



Above, the Diners' Club meets throughout the month in various locations around Haliburton County as a way to connect seniors in the community to each other through an inexpensive, healthy, meal. This gathering, last Thursday, took place at the Minden Legion. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Left, Grandma Joanne Barnes showed little Jack Clement how to cut grapes when he joined her and friends.

community to each other through an inexpensive, healthy, congregate meal. The purpose of this club is to be able to get out and socialize with others. And as food remains the great connector, it helps meet both physical and psychological needs of our participants."

The program also serves to offer an opportunity to eat out for those who might be struggling financially, as meals are capped at \$12.

The Diners' Club program takes place on the first Thursday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden where a home-cooked meal including dessert and beverage is served, and the second Thursday of the month at Highland Hills United Church in Minden for a home-cooked meal including dessert and beverage. On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, a variety of traditional Chinese dishes and beverages is served at Win Yeung restaurant in Haliburton, and on the second and fourth Friday of the month a home-cooked meal including dessert and beverage is on offer at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 in Wilberforce. A Roving Lunch Club also takes place, with diners meeting each other at a variety of restaurants throughout the county for lunch with a set menu and fixed price (this cost varies from the \$12 Diners' Club meal programs).

To become a member of the HHHS Diners' Clubs or for more information, call Community Support Services at 705-457-2941 x. 2922 to be signed up for phone call or email reminders regarding lunch dates that week. There's no obligation to join for any of the lunches, though members are welcome to join at any of the locations.



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# Former area resident puts up painting to buy Zion church

by JENN WATT  
Editor

When he thinks of the Zion United Church, David Chambers is filled with memories of youth and family. The building on East Road in Carnarvon was where he went to Sunday school, where he met with the Scout troop, where he watched Christmas pageants and listened to his aunt sing in the church choir.

His father, the late Frank Chambers, did maintenance on the building, helping with the additions and building the steeple. “There’s a lot of the Chambers in it,” said David Chambers during a phone call from British Columbia, where he now lives.

Following amalgamation of the Zion and Minden United Church congregations, in 2018 a vote was held on which church should remain open, with more than two-thirds voting to hold services at Minden’s church, now called Highland Hills United Church.

The Zion United Church, built in 1891, was listed with Century 21 by the Trustees of the Highland Hills United Church on May 25, 2019. The current asking price is \$249,000.

After thinking about the importance of the church to his family and to the community, Chambers said he decided he would try to raise the money to buy the property by selling a treasured family possession: an original painting by Group of Seven artist Franz Johnston.

He put the oil painting, *Trapper’s Cabin (North Bay area)*, online on Kijiji with an asking price of \$350,000 – an amount he said he knows is inflated.

“I’m trying to get much more than the painting is really worth and I was really hoping to find someone who is very wealthy,



The Zion church seen here in the 1940s prior to the fire and subsequent additions to the structure. This photo and others can be found on the Algonquin Highlands Heritage Map website.

who collects art – especially Canadian art – and someone who actually wants to help out,” Chambers said. “I’m well aware it’s not worth that amount of money.”

The painting hung in the home of Chambers’s uncle William Bate, who founded Bate Chemical in Toronto. Chambers lived with his aunt and uncle when he was attending York Mills Collegiate and during that time he remembers admiring the 21-by-17-inch landscape painting.

“Me being in art, I was always very inter-

ested in it and even when I was painting, I’d go to the paintings [in the house] and I’d look and see how these master painters did their paint strokes,” he said.

“The painting is very dear to me. When it comes to something like this, to do something good for the community ... I would sell it in an instant.”

Chambers said if successful in buying the building, he would keep it as a community space.

Joan Chapple, one of the trustees overseeing the sale on behalf of Highlands Hills United Church, said she would be pleased if someone were to buy the building with the intention of keeping it open to the community, but cautioned that along with the sale price is the cost of upkeep.

Chapple’s ancestors helped to found the church when there was little else in the Carnarvon area.

“They decided that they needed a church of their own in Carnarvon. There was the Twelve Mile Lake Church that had been built the year before Zion and it was Presbyterian. These people were more bent towards the Methodist religion, so they had a [fundraising] social at my great-grandmother’s house

and they raised the first money to start building this church,” Chapple said.

The early history documents of the Zion church reveal a community focused on creating a church, with residents pitching in, donating timbers, holding work bees and raising money. Chapple’s grandfather, A.W. Moore was one of the original names on the church committee list along with J. Hopkins, J. Cook, R. Baker, Wm. Cowan, R. Moore and J. Higginbottom.

“My earliest memory was joining the choir as a little girl and going to Sunday school and my mother was a Sunday school teacher,” Chapple said. “We had a choir leader and organist by the name of Ralph Hussey. He was a music teacher for the whole area. He lived in Carnarvon, so he became our church organist. We had a great choir. ... As a result of his influence, Zion became known as the musical church and it maintained that throughout its life.”

Dedicated in September of 1891, the church would undergo renovations more than 50 years later to accommodate its popularity in the community. It would also need repairs

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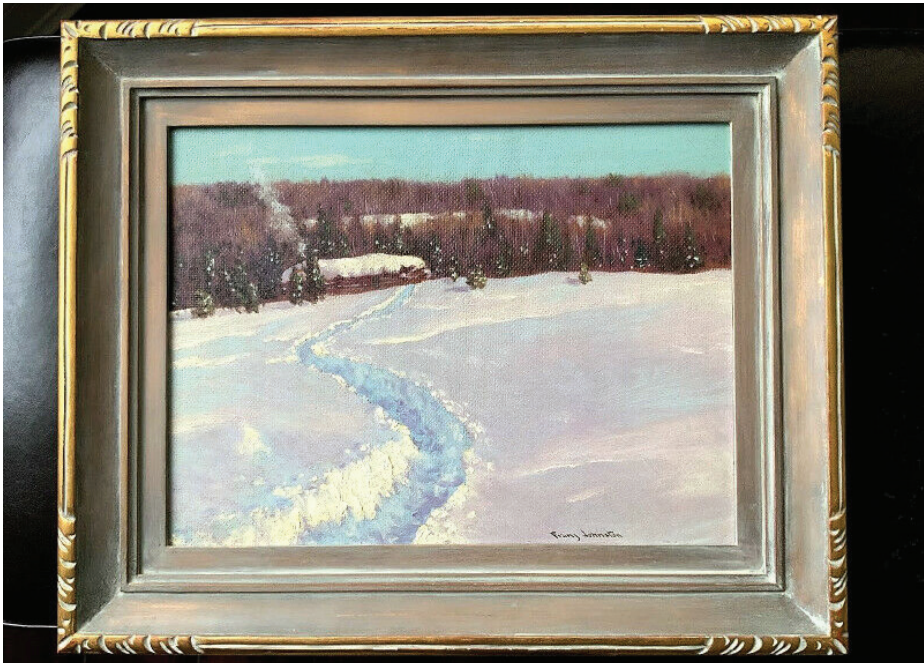
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*Trapper’s Cabin (North Bay area)* by Group of Seven artist Franz Johnston is up for sale on Kijiji. David Chambers, who used to live in the Carnarvon area, is selling it in hopes of raising money to buy the Zion United Church, where he has memories from his childhood. The church was put up for sale after the congregation amalgamated with Minden, creating Highland Hills United Church.



# Church 'was the centre of the community' in Carnarvon

from page 12

when lightning caused a fire in part of the building. Chambers said his dad was involved in fixing up the building and in erecting the steeple, which wasn't part of the original.

"That was a hallmark of Zion. The people did the work. ... Frank was one of them," Chapple remembered, laughing at the memory of him up on the roof.

Sinclair Russell also remembers the energy poured into the church. His family moved to the area in 1904 and remained deeply involved with the goings on at the Zion church.

"The Carnarvon church was the centre of the community. There was nothing else. Especially in Carnarvon, there wasn't even a town hall or anything," Russell said. "The church was the centre of the community and families like my family, for one, we would go down to the church every single day for something. Boy Scouts was there, Cubs was there, Girl Guides were there and different church meetings ... were held there. There were times of the week when my family, one of us or two of us, would be at the church every single day."

He can recall with a great deal of precision the interior of the building and what functions different areas served. He said that the stained glass windows were donated by area families, including one dedicated to his parents.

Russell said he would be pleased if the church would remain a public institution.

"To me, it boggles the mind that it's not still open," he said, listing off potential uses for the space, which he suggested could be a heritage building, hosting weddings, meetings, community engagements, funerals, and craft groups.

Chapple said she has also found it difficult to come to terms with the closure of the Zion United Church, which has been a comfort to her throughout her life.

"It was my place to go to be safe. ... It's always been my place to go and I never thought for a minute that it wouldn't always be there for me. So it was really hard to see it as just a building," she said, but noted that it was the people, not the place, that had provided that sense of security.

"Really, when it comes right down to it, it was the people within the walls that meant a lot to me. Those are the people that made it that safe place and hopefully we can bring that caring and family feeling wherever we go."

The Stanhope Museum has a display of artifacts related to the Zion United Church, something that Chapple appreciates. "I feel really good about that," she said.

Chambers said he intends to keep his painting up for sale for a few more weeks. It can be viewed at <https://www.kijiji.ca/v-art-collectibles/delta-surrey-langley/original-real-painting-by-franz-johnston-group-of-seven/1480062781>.



It was a packed house for Zion United Church's 125th anniversary celebrations on Sept. 17, 2016. The evening included dinner and entertainment and was followed by a special service on Sunday, Sept. 18. In 2018, it was decided that the church would be sold, with the congregation moving to join Minden's United Church, now called Highland Hills United Church./CHAD INGRAM Staff



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The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 1123 North Shore Rd.

For more information please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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Junior Hawks overpower Titans

Junior Red Hawks player Bronson McCord looks up at the official after battling for a loose ball against the St. Thomas Titans during Kawartha High School League action on Thursday, Feb. 6 in Haliburton. The Hawks won 47-27. Hawks player Jackson Wilson led all players with 15 points./DARREN LUM Staff

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Junior Red Hawks player Jackson Wilson evades the block on a drive to the net against the St. Thomas Titans.

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# Hawks dominate Titans at home in season-ender

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

With nothing to play for but pride, the Red Hawks senior boys basketball team showcased the skill and depth that has served them well all season.

The Hawks finished with a comfortable 56-42 win against the visiting Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Feb. 6.

In light of the recent decision by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to cancel extracurricular activities during school hours, the Hawks' season is now done.

Hawks coach Paul Longo was proud of his team and confirmed the finality of the season.

"This looks like our last game, barring a miracle," he said. "It's unfortunate we're the only board in Ontario that is not allowing the extracurriculars to continue on at this point. With that said, I'm proud of the boys and they showed a lot of heart in the second half. We were a little bit flat in the first half, but I really liked the way we played in the second half. We played Haliburton ball. Good pressing. Caused some turnovers. We were patient with the offence. Worked the ball. Good buckets. We hit some shots and opened up the lead to finish off," he said.

He said the difference in the second half for his team was the improved team commitment to defence, which limited the Titans' shooting efficiency, and how the team did grabbing rebounds and converting on the subsequent fast breaks for easy buckets.

The game was in jeopardy of not being held due to the board decision, but St. Thomas rescheduled their departure to accommodate, which Longo was grateful for.

"I'm really happy that St. Thomas was able to shift their schedule and come up and meet us for a 3:30 game. It's not ideal, but I'm really glad they were able to accommodate us and get up here," he said.

Despite the final score, the Titans put up a valiant fight through much of the game before the Hawks could pull away for good.

"I give St. Thomas a lot of credit. They improved a lot since the last time we played

them. They really worked hard and gave us a good battle tonight so a good way for us to end if that is the end," he said, referring to the 64-46 win on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Although the Hawks were up by as many as nine points at the halftime break 22-13, the Titans narrowed the deficit to one with a few minutes left in the third.

Midway through the fourth quarter, the Hawks were still unable to lose the tenacious Titans.

The game was tied 35-35. With a combination of strong execution and their increased pace of play, the Hawks showed which team was superior, led by the guard play of Brian Kim, who finished with 11 in the fourth and 24 for the game to lead all players. The Hawks closed out the game with a 21 to 3 run and gave the home fans a lot to cheer for in what was likely the last game of the 2019-2020 season.

There are six graduating players, but 11 first year seniors are expected back.

Longo said he made a point of playing all his players such as Nigel Smith, who had been sidelined by a hamstring injury since October.

The youthful characteristic of the team is something that Longo will remember and makes him optimistic for next season.

"I'll remember that we were a predominantly really young senior team and were able to compete with everybody and played hard ball and played very effectively. It really bodes well for next year and hopefully we have a contract settlement and everything will be back to normal and we'll be playing some hard ball," he said.

The team finished with a 4-3 record, according to COSSA results.

Due to the changing nature of this semester's sports season, details regarding upcoming games may change. Information is up to date as of Monday, Feb. 10.

*There has been some indication, as the Minden Times goes to press, that student athletes may be playing this week, both in volleyball and basketball.*



Red Hawks guard Camden Marra attempts a shot during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday Feb. 6 in Haliburton. The Hawks beat the visiting St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans 56-42./  
**DARREN LUM Staff**



Red Hawks guard Brian Kim drives to the net.



Red Hawks player Nigel Smith battles for a loose ball.

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Answers on page 18



## Bowling Scores

### Monday afternoon, Feb. 3

#### High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 219

Men – Rick West – 223

#### This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 259

High Single Hcp – Cathy Snell – 263

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 618

High Triple Hcp – Clara Vuksic – 689

#### This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Rick West – 274

High Single Hcp – Al Humphries – 280

High Triple – Rick West – 624

High Triple Hcp – Al Humphries – 732

### Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020.

#### Men

High Average – Claude Cote – 196

High Single – John Pugh – 283

High Single H/C – John Pugh – 321

High Triple – John Pugh – 646

High Triple H/C – John Pugh – 760

#### Women

High Average – Chris Cote – 183

High Single – Chris Cote – 216

High Single H/C – Mabel Clendenning – 260

High Triple – Mabel Clendenning – 576

High Triple H/C – Mabel Clendenning – 717

### Thursday, Feb. 6

#### Ladies:

High Average: Nancy Charlton – 189

High Single: Loretto Cummings – 187

High Single w/hdcp: Loretto Cummings 269

High Triple: Helen Dentinger – 506

High Triplew/hdc: Helen Dentinger – 677

#### Men:

High Average: Doug Reinwald – 192

High Single: Doug Reinwald – 221

High Single w/hdcp: Keith Sheridan – 265

High Triple: DougReinwld – 528

High Triple w/hdcp: Keith Sheridan – 728

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An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival  
When: Saturday, Feb. 15  
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.  
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or online at [haliburtonlions.com](http://haliburtonlions.com).  
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**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Bird Box Building**

When: Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery  
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When: Feb. 20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Minden Library, Rotary room 136 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden  
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Speaker: Donna Gagnon  
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Where: Malcolm MacLean Radio Hall at Canoe FM, 739 Mountain St, Haliburton (Park at the arena)  
Cost: Free. All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us. More Information: [www.cfuwhh.ca](http://www.cfuwhh.ca)

**Stockdale Central in the Clubroom**

When: Saturday, February 22, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom  
\$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

**National Cupcake Day**

When: Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Where: Minden Animal Hospital  
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When: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 310) in Haliburton.  
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Red Hawks defenceman Isaac Little looks to evade his check, eyeing a loose puck during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 5-2 to the Hurricanes in a fast-paced game. / DARREN LUM Staff

# Hawks lose, but will play again

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

It was a victory for the Red Hawks hockey team to have played in light of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's decision to cancel extracurriculars during school hours.

Coach Jason Morissette said the team was happy about getting to play despite the uncertainty of the upcoming playoffs. "We're fortunate that our home games are scheduled at 4 p.m. Historically they've been at 4 p.m. because we do intentionally try to keep our players in school and focused on their academics as long as we can through the day," he said.

The Hawks felt some disappointment and frustration during the 5-2 loss against visiting Hurricanes of Holy Cross.

Morissette said the loss was attributed to poor execution in the defensive end and taking untimely penalties. Some of the poor play was attributed to the cancellation of the past two games, he said.

"We were on a pretty good roll there. We had been still practising, but because we're not getting those games in that really doesn't get us ready for this game. I think those two games would have helped us prepare for this," he said.

The loss of reps from those games also affected the power-play and hurt the team's momentum. Morissette said the team also lost out on four potential points, which he believes could prove to be a problem for playoff seeding, crucial to having a

chance to play in this year's playoffs.

The team had erased a two-goal deficit, down 2-0 when Braeden Robinson scored the equalizer with his second of the game at the start of the second period.

Unfortunately, the Hawks surrendered two quick goals in the second, separated by seconds and couldn't recover. Veteran goalie Carson Sisson left the ice following the two goals with an injury, said Morissette. As a result, rookie goalie Darian Maddock took the opportunity to shine, playing well.

Just before Sisson's departure, he had looked upset with an official after the Hurricanes' third goal and then left the ice on the fourth Hurricanes goal scored seconds later.

The team is looking to their next home game. A victory against the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. will be a great way to end the regular season.

There is concern for the playoffs, Morissette said.

"We made the playoffs. It's just, if we're not in the top three for the playoffs we won't be able to go to the playoffs. We won't have home ice," he said.

Other schools have their games during school hours, he said, which would not be possible for the Hawks to come and compete.

If they can finish in the top three they will play in a one-game, winner-take-all Kawartha Championship qualifier, which is a change to accommodate TLDSB secondary schools.

If not, the Hawks will relish a win over the perennial hockey power, Saints.

It's all about being positive.

"Moving forward you got to stay optimistic," Morissette said.

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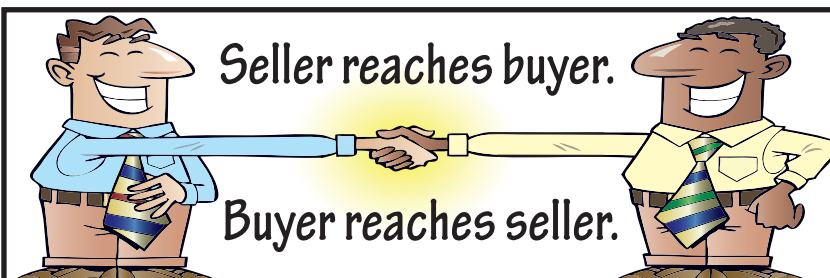


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### BROWN, Hilary

*Passed away peacefully, after a valiant battle with cancer, at her home in Gravenhurst, with family by her side, on Saturday, February 8, 2020.*

Hilary was in her 73nd year. Beloved wife of Leo Sepa. Loving mother of Christopher Brown (Amanda). Dear stepmother of Anthony Sepa (Spring), and David Sepa (Cindy). Cherished grandmother of River, Wiley, Alexander, Elizabeth, William, and Joshua. Sister of Myrna Foley (Jim), and Howard Brown. Hilary will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Hilary had a successful career with Yellow Pages and Bell Canada. She loved to travel; she re-established the Moore Lake Property Owner's Association in Haliburton. Hilary was also a driving force in local politics.

To honour her wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the spring. Memorial Contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society or South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Bracebridge would be greatly appreciated. Personal condolences and memories may be shared at [www.cavillfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavillfuneralhome.com)

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## World Cup race back in Minden

World Cup racing will return to the Minden Wild Water Preserve again this summer and will be the one last shot at impressing the International Olympic Committee with the facilities.

"This will be the last chance to show the world what we can do," Race Committee Chairman Robert Grose told Anson, Hindon and Minden Council last Thursday. It is not likely that Minden will host a World Cup race again in 1990, so this will be the last chance to show off the Preserve to the committee that will choose the site for the 1996 Olympics next year, said Grose.

The city of Toronto is bidding for the honour of hosting the 1996 Games and if it is successful, the Minden Preserve will be the site of the white water canoe and kayak events. In 1992, Canoe slalom will be included in the canoeing program at the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

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1990 is when the bid for Toronto is either accepted or rejected for 1996," Grose said. "If we put a show on for the world and get Toronto's people here, then they can show off the facility in their bid."

The first World Cup circuit was brought to life last summer, with the Minden race being one of seven. "Based on the success of last year's World Cup event, Canada has been selected to host one of the seven events again this year," Grose told council. More than 100 of the world's best paddlers will be competing again in Minden, which means more good exposure to everyone involved in the sport.

Major television coverage of the World Cup circuit is a strong possibility this year. Grose said negotiations with an international sponsor are almost complete and he should know this week if the television proposal will be accepted.

Grose was at the council meeting to inform members of what will be happening at the course this summer and to make sure the usual facilities will be in place. He was asking that the townships provide garbage cans in the park, four portable washrooms, a sign to be placed at the corner of Highway 35 and Horseshoe Lake Road and parking attendants.

"Every time I come before this council I'm crucified or hoorayed, depending on how many parking tickets were issued and how many people came out," Grose commented. On Thursday he was in for a bit of both.

Reeve Ray Moore promised full support. "We're going to be working with you, let me tell you." He said he is excited about this summer's World Cup as well as the future Olympic potential. "You're scaring the pants right off us for a two-day event," he said.

Deputy Reeve Bern Berry then began questioning him about parking. He said the municipality provided three men to police the parking situation last summer and asked if Grose had looked into the possibility of leasing a piece of property up the road to provide more parking. Grose said he had looked into that possibility in the past but had been turned down for various reasons. He said he will consider the option of arranging for parking space close to Minden and providing a shuttle bus to the rapids.



The high school drama club's presentation of *Blind Dates* poses some tough challenges to both the cast and the students involved in the construction of the set and props. Students are hard at work preparing for this March 3 and 4 performance and last week they had a chance to test out one of the props for the scene on a school bus.

## Blind Dates: A slice of teenage life

"It's unbelievable how close to real life this is."

Don Grozelle, who is in charge of promotion for the HHSS Drama Club's production of *Blind Dates* says he is impressed by author Anna Funderberg's ability to recreate real life teenage situations. "I skimmed through the script,"

said Grozelle, "and looked at one passage and thought 'That's me.'"

Because the scenes so closely mimic real life, *Blind Dates* poses a tough challenge to the student actors, says Drama teacher Nancy Robichaud. "They're trying to recreate the illusion of reality." She says they

quickly learned it is no easy task to play yourself.

*Blind Dates* is a series of loosely-bound scenes. The common thread is that each snippet is gleaned from the life of a typical teenager. The students re-enact scenes that could easily have been pulled from their own personal daily experiences at

school and home.

Except for this, each of the 25 scenes is unconnected. Robichaud describes the scenes as "slices of teenage life." Each "slice" is a window to their feelings and experiences; Each unveils some of the mys-

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## Ministry cuts back its fire staff

Staffing at the Ministry of Natural Resources fire centre in Haliburton will be cut by six men and there will be more onus placed on municipal fire crews as a result of a province-wide move to improve the cost efficiency of the fire-fighting system.

The ministry is cutting back its staffing by 25 per cent province wide. In the Algonquin District, which includes Haliburton County, it is being cut by 46 per cent, or about 170 men.

Tom Russell, head of the Haliburton fire centre, says there will be nine firefighters this summer where

there are normally 15. Instead of having three five-man crews there will be three three-man crews.

Russell will be meeting with the municipal fire chiefs over the next five or six weeks to explain how these changes will affect them. "We will have to rely more on municipalities than in the past. There's no doubt about that." As a result, the municipal fire crews may require more training and equipment related to forest fire suppression, he said.

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